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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

From Grant's Army.

Petersburg, Aug. 3.—Yesterday and to-day, have been remarkably quiet, and for the first time scarcely any picket firing. Nearly all the force Grant sent to North side of the James river have returned to our front. It is rumored that Grant is busy moving and mining at other points. Deserters who entered our lines yesterday say that great demoralization and complaint exists in the Yankee army over the results of Saturday.

From Georgia.

Atlanta, Aug. 3.—All is now quiet this morning. Some pickets during the night and nothing important or unusual. 600 prisoners were captured near Ezra Church and sent to Fulton. Yesterday, about 200 in all were captured.

This Evening's Last Night.

A large crowd assembled at the Court House last night to hear Col. Hoke and other candidates. The Conservative ticket are in fine spirits and the success of the whole ticket is expected by a large majority.

Soldiers

Who did not vote for Governor on Thursday last have the right to vote to-day, and such as have not yet should avail themselves of the opportunity.

The Steamer Z. B. Vance arrived at Wilmington on Saturday last.

TWO REMARKABLE LETTERS.

We copy the following from the (Wisconsin) "Democrat," with every reason to believe there are but a few who will read them. We, if they had the courage, would make known publicly, as has the to-be-pitied "Dodger," their own experience:

Letter No. One.

"Brick" Pomeroy, Editor Dail y Democrat:

Arguseyer friend, I am in much trouble: Will you hear, my paper and give vent to advise? My wife—the sweet partner of my terrestrial hope and earthly hallucinations—has joined the loyal female league. She is on the executive committee now for two months. She is a good woman the greatest of all her sex, and compared to her, all others of her sex are but as insects. I come home at noon, and she is off to see Mrs. Gradley on League business. I eat cold victuals for dinner, and shout about through the kitchen and things, but she greets me not? I come home to tea, but there is no tea! I grub it in the pantry! That blessed wife of mine is off to see about the League. At midnight I come home, and she is still absent! I go to bed. I leave the door unlocked. I dream of robbers. The children squall for the nourishment I have not. It is lonesome. Soon I hear a step. A pair of steps. Two pair of steps. Tenor and bass steps. I hope. Two pair of steps climb my one pair of steps. They linger at the threshold. I overhear indistinct words—four pair comes up—one pair goes down—my wife has returned. Male woman! Kind neighbor! All for the soldiers.

I go down the next day to my shop. I return at dinner time—my wife is out. I eat another lunch. I return to my shop. At tea I go home. I want to ask my wife something privately, but two hundred guests are there to tea

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"No freeman ought to be taken, imprisoned or in any manner destroyed of his freedom, or property, but by the law of the land."—*North Carolina Bill of Rights.*

WATCH FOR THE CROSS MARK.

To save our subscribers the trouble of making enquiry by letter, we shall hereafter mark a cross, with ink, the margin of the paper when the time paid for is about to expire, and if not promptly renewed the paper will be stopped. Watch for the cross mark, and send on money to renew in time.

The Election To-Day—List of the Commissioners.

To-day the people of North Carolina vote for Governor, Members of the Legislature and Sheriff, and we trust that the election will be permitted to pass without violence or undue excitement. This is the second campaign in which we have ever taken an active part, and whatever the result may be we have nothing to regret, nothing to recall. We believe that the salvation of our country depends upon the success of Conservative measures, as set forth and advocated by Vice President Stephens, Gov. Brown and Mr. Holden, and we honestly believe that if the people are permitted to vote to-day as they choose, and there should be a full vote polled, Mr. Holden will be elected by a large majority. Our advocacy of his claims has been a free-will offering, for in the event of his election we want nothing in the way of office, favor or patronage at his hands. Our present position is more congenial to our tastes and more profitable to them dependent on us than any office that the Governor or even the President could bestow, and we think it quite as honorable. We have supported Mr. Holden from a conscientious sense of duty, just as we supported Mr. Douglas in 1860, and we would support either of them again under the same circumstances. We supported Douglas and Johnston in 1860, to prevent war; and many persons who then opposed us have since expressed their regret to us that our ticket was not elected, believing as they do that the success of Douglas would have given us peace and good government instead of war and ruin. We were denounced by prejudice and passion then, and the same class of persons are attempting to hunt us down now, but whatever may be the result of to-day's ballot, three years will not have passed away before many who now differ with us will find that, as in 1860, we were right. Had the people of the South have given Douglas a united support in 1860, as they should have done, now, instead of the whole country being lit up by the red glare of burning towns, cities and farm houses, we should have had peace, plenty, constitutional freedom, and a protection for slave property that all the fanaticism of Europe could not shake.

But fanaticism prevailed, the treasonable plottings of demagogues in the two sections of the country were successful; Mr. Douglas was beaten and war followed; and now, to keep up the war, the originators of it cry treason against every man who raises his voice in favor of means to bring it to an honorable termination. We have supported Mr Holden upon the principles of the Georgia Platform, which insists that the States, through their constituted authorities, shall co-operate with the constituted authorities of the Confederate government to bring about a peace; and we should look on the election of Mr. Holden as an important step towards a practical application of the principles laid down in the Resolutions passed by the Georgia Legislature. We tell the people of North Carolina that if this war is to go on until we conquer a peace, in the field, or until some foreign power comes to our deliverance, the ruin of these States will be final and thorough. We must negotiate, and the sooner the better, for sensible men do not concur with the few fanatics who insist that we get stronger as the war progresses.

The campaign which closes to-day has been characterized by much bitterness, in some of which we have indulged, but we have only answered back when assailed, never being the aggressor. We have nothing to retract, nothing to regret, but at the same time we nurse no hatreds and hold no malice towards any one, and are willing that bygones should be bygones.—Those that have wronged us we freely forgive—and if we have injured any one we regret it, but we shall adhere to Conservative principles and continue to war on tyranny and oppression, no matter by whom practiced, until the people are again entirely free, or we all go down with all we have and are in darkness and night forever. Mr. Holden and those who support him want peace, but they want a peace obtained through the constituted authorities of the States, co-operating with the constituted authorities of the Confederate States, and would only accept such a peace as the people of the Confederacy would be satisfied with. This is the "North Carolina Peace Movement" so much misrepresented here and elsewhere—no more and no less.

We know that the whole machinery of the State and Confederate governments has been brought to bear upon this election, and that many of the friends of Mr. Holden will be silenced, and yet such is our confidence in the overwhelming Conservatism of the people of North Carolina that we confidently count on his election. But whatever may be the result of to-day's election, we shall continue to battle for the principles we have espoused, and we ask all who desire the overthrow of the common enemy and the establishment of our independence.

The campaign is over and if we hear malice against Holden being evinced by any of his friends we will know it and [illegible]

The Government Organs on Peace.

It is strange how the government organs of the administration are letting down on the peace question. They really begin to talk about "commissioners," "negotiations," &c., and do not put in as a condition that we must have Maryland or fight till doomsday. The *Sentinel*, supposed to be the Court organ of Mr. Davis, says:

"Let peace commissioners be appointed by either section, and invest it with plenary powers of negotiation, and an armed hostility may change the terms of peace. Let all citizens be open to free discussion and expression. One of the South's earliest incompetencies on the ground and first subject of the war, and that necessitated to fill our graves; yet we shall be willing to listen to what our foes have to say and propose on the other side. You may offer us something that will secure our equal rights within the Union. You may propose a plan with slave-holder and free States equality of votes in Congress and in the election of President; and gently to effect this you may throw all New England into confusion, or give her to England, and that South would have her, for her people. Even this would be a tempting bait. We don't say it would satisfy us; but the subject is worthy of consideration. This war was brought about by New England and New Englanders, and who knows but that the interests of the States might be in peace and harmony, if the wars out of the way. But we do not mean by authority to represent the action of the commissioners. We only mean that the representations communicated by citizens, other than that any terms of peace they may agree on shall be subject to be rejected or ratified by their respective governments.

"Let peace commissioners be appointed by either section," says the *Sentinel*. Just what we have insisted on and what we wanted the last Congress to do, but Mr. Lesch and those who advocated his Resolutions, the only practical thing offered in Congress looking to peace, were told that any action looking that way would be army treasonable and in preference of traitorous republics. What new light has come over the *Sentinel* and other Administration organs to induce them to come to the position that we have occupied all the time? These sentiments certainly coincide a hell [illegible]—"You may offer us something that will secure our rights within the Union" meaning nothing more nor less than that if you will allow us what we had, negroes and all, we will come back—and being made by Mr. Davis' own organ, is significant. We have always contended that if we went back to Lincoln the same parties who dragooned us over would force us back.

God grant that wise counsels may prevail and that peace may soon be made.

A Reign of Terror.

We have predicted that, in the event of Gov. Vance's re-election and the continuance of the war, we should have a reign of terror in North Carolina for the next two years, and we submit to an intelligent public that the tyranny visible in the election in the army position more than a fulfillment of all we have predicted. The means being used to carry this election show that not by the Confederate or State authorities could personal liberty in any respect, and the sooner we awoke to our real condition the better. Re-elect Vance to-day and it will not be twelve months before he who refuses to throw up his hat and hurrah for Davis and Vance will be considered an enemy to the Government and visited with severe punishment. Two years ago the Confederate authorities attempted to carry an election in this State by and through the influence of its subsidized journals and hireling minions, but now to the use of these, force is added. Where shall we be two years more? Vance not only accepts these corrupt agencies to carry his election, but is expected to repay the same by the exercise of oppression and tyranny over his own people. Every man in the State will be accountable to posterity for the manner in which he shall vote to-day.

As Gov. Vance was not threatened, shot at or killed at Troy, in Montgomery county, on Wednesday of last week, will some one be kind enough to tell us why the report was put in circulation, who by and what for? Was it thought that a panic could be thus raised that would intimidate Holden men and prevent them from voting? We thought at first that it was gotten up for effect and now we know it. Never before has there been such corrupt means employed to carry an election in North Carolina as have been used by Gov. Vance and his partisans to carry that which takes place to-day.

Deserters.—A squad of deserters, from Camp Vance, passed up the street yesterday, on their way to Camp Holmes. Had the Militia and Home Guard officers in the different counties been compelled to do their duty, the State would now be free from the roving bands of deserters that are robbing and plundering good citizens.—And had Gov. Vance made these persons do their duty instead of parleying with them for their votes, our State would now present a much more respectable record in the eyes of the world.

Crops and the Weather.—A friend writing us from Clemmonsville, Davidson county, says:

"The weather here is intensely hot and we have had no rain since May. Corn never took the worst I ever saw them, and the yield of wheat is not more than half a crop, though the quality is good."

Robbery.—We learn that the smoke house of Col. Ruse, in the Eastern part of the city, was robbed on Tuesday night of all it contained save one piece of meat.

THE LATEST FROM RICHMOND.

INTERESTING PARTICULARS.

[illegible] Monday [illegible] the fighting [illegible] Petersburg and [illegible] our entire loss in killed, wounded and [illegible] at 1,200, while that of the enemy is set down at 3,500:

[illegible] for several days past, prisoners have been constantly coming in, and all have stated that the enemy are mining and countermining, and that the officers and men have been cautioned that the statement was correct, but whether apprised of the exact locality at which the enemy are engaged in his mining operations, we have no means of ascertaining. All doubt on this point, however, if any existed, were removed Saturday last at an early hour. About 4½ o'clock a dull, heavy sound was heard, and this was followed by several other similar sounds. The enemy on the opposite line opening with their batteries all along their lines.

It was then discovered that the enemy had sprung a mine on [illegible] of our fortifications, in the centre of the lines, and a few hundred yards beyond the Blandford Cemetery. The chief sufferers by the explosion were [illegible] (formerly Bratton's) from which they were relieved by companies of Elliott's South Carolina Brigade, which occupied positions immediately on the left of the Battery for its support. The battery lost 22 men missing, (no [illegible] ought to be included. Some of these men, a list of whom was published elsewhere, are known to be killed, bodies having been recovered, but others whose bodies have not been found, it is hoped are prisoners in the enemy's hands. Privates [illegible] subsequent to the explosion, from the enemy, said near the spot, also that several of our men were dug out of the ruins alive. They describe the scene of the explosion as terrific. They describe the size of the crater as [illegible] feet deep, and of such a description as to nearly fill that of Lieut. Rogers, one of the missing, that there is no reasonable grounds for hope that he is yet alive and in the enemy's hands. The position of the battery under which he slept, and where Lieut. Oliver was seen arranging him just previous to the explosion to go on duty, was [illegible] the edge of the chasm created by the explosion, and the presumption is, that he was [illegible] buried in the earth. Lieut. [illegible] a gallant member of the P. Cavalry, but much sympathy is felt and great anxiety regarding his fate.

Of the casualties in Gen. Elliott's (formerly Evans') South Carolina Brigade, we have no information except that Gen. [illegible] wounded by a ball through the breast [illegible] during yesterday, and it was [illegible] that he would recover.

Attempts to retake the position.

As soon as the nature of the damage was made known, Gen. Hill despatched [illegible] Mahone's Headquarters, and that officer immediately moved off [illegible] with instructions for [illegible] Brigade, and Wright's (Georgia) to follow on.

Arriving upon the ground, Gen. Mahone found twelve of the enemy's flags waving upon the ramparts of that portion of our lines carried by the explosion, and the whole vicinity [illegible] ing with white and black Yankee troops.

Getting his troops into position, Gen. Mahone ordered his Brigade to make an assault upon the works, and instructed Wright's Brigade to move up in such position as would enable [illegible] ture of the remaining positions. Under command of Col. Weisiger, acting Brigadier, Mahone's Brigade formed into line, and [illegible] up, when the enemy sallied out, and made a charge. The Confederates reserved their fire until they could see the whites of the enemy's eyes, when they poured into them such a storm of bullets, that the enemy recoiled and fell back in confusion. A cheer was now ordered, and Weisiger's men dashed forward with a yell driving the enemy up to and over the [illegible] On the works our men halted, and delivered a plunging fire, which proved so [illegible] the enemy never again rallied on that portion of the line, but left our men in undisputed possession.

In the meantime, Wright's Brigade, commanded by Col. Hall, instead of coming directly in by some means deployed, and came around, and thus failed to retake that portion of the line assigned to them.

At a later hour, Wilcox's old brigade, now ably commanded by the young and [illegible] Saunders, came gallantly up to their mark, and by a charge, drove the enemy from the remaining portion of the works, and then assisted in to re-establish our lines precisely as they were before the explosion.

DESPERATE FIGHTING.

The enemy finding escape impossible, rushed for safety into the immense hole or chasm, made by their explosion, and around the edge of this great basin our men closed and fought hand to hand. This was done chiefly by Mahone's old brigade, and Saunder's Alabama men. Here the slaughter was terrific and here, too, many a gallant Confederate fell to rise no more. As an evidence of the desperate nature of the contest around and in this chasm we would state that Gen. Saunder's men, after removing a large number of wounded, buried in the hole on Saturday night 55 Yankee negro troops and 174 whites, THE TERRIBLE POWER OF GUNPOWDER [illegible] coming.

At a late hour Saturday evening we visited the chasm caused by the enemy's explosion. It appeared to be about 40 feet in depth, and some 200 feet in circumference, and resembled more what one would imagine to have been the effects of a terrible earthquake, than anything else to which we could liken it. Immense blocks of earth were piled up indiscriminately, while [illegible] and great fragments of bomb-proofs, gun carriages, limbers, &c., were lying promiscuously in every direction. One [illegible] between two boulders near the centre of the ground and literally crushed between them. He still remained in this painful position, with only his head and neck visible, our men not having had the time to extricate him. Life had long been extinct, but the ghastly looking face was unmarked by a scratch and the head perfect but slightly reclining on the shoulder.

The sides and bottom of the chasm were literally lined with Yankee dead and the bodies lay in every conceivable position. In one [illegible]

[illegible] Saturday, and the enemy's large numbers of dead and wounded were still [illegible] the lower burning promptly for water and [illegible] Our [illegible] were in full range of the enemy's [illegible]

[illegible] have been [illegible] Our entire loss [illegible] were in full range of the enemy's [illegible]

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